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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3742

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3742 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/20)

7 Sec. 20. Functions of Commission.

8 (a) The Commission, in accordance with this Act, shall
9 prepare and supervise the issuance of public information
10 concerning its provisions; prescribe the form and regulate the
11 submission of applications for assistance; provide for and
12 conduct, or cause to be conducted, all eligibility
13 determinations of applicants; award the appropriate financial
14 assistance; and, upon request by a member of the General
15 Assembly, nominate or evaluate and recommend for nomination
16 applicants for General Assembly scholarships in accordance

1 with criteria specified by the member under Section 30-9 of the
2 School Code.

3 (b) The Commission is authorized to participate in any
4 programs for monetary assistance to students and to receive,
5 hold, and disburse all such funds made available by any agency
6 or organization for the purpose or purposes for which they are
7 made available. The Commission is authorized to administer a
8 program of grant assistance as authorized by the Baccalaureate
9 Savings Act. The Commission is authorized to participate in any
10 programs established to improve student financial aid services
11 or the proficiency of persons engaged in student financial aid
12 services and to receive, hold, and disburse all funds made
13 available by any agency or organization for the purpose or
14 purposes for which they are made available subject to the
15 appropriations of the General Assembly.

16 (c) The Commission is authorized to deny a scholarship or a
17 grant to any person who has defaulted on a guaranteed student
18 loan and who is not maintaining a satisfactory repayment
19 record. If a person has a defaulted guaranteed student loan but
20 is otherwise eligible for assistance pursuant to Section 40,
21 the Commission shall award one term of assistance during which
22 a satisfactory repayment record must be established. If such a
23 repayment record is not established, additional assistance
24 shall be denied until a satisfactory repayment record is
25 established.

26 (c-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the

1 Commission is authorized to deny and shall immediately revoke a
2 scholarship or grant to any person who has been convicted of a
3 violent crime, as defined under Section 3 of the Rights of
4 Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.

5 Notwithstanding Section 35 of this Act, the Commission is
6 authorized to deny and shall immediately revoke the MAP grant
7 of any person who has accepted or received a MAP grant and who
8 has been or is convicted of a violent crime, as defined under
9 Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.

10 (d) The Commission is authorized to participate with
11 federal, state, county, local, and university law enforcement
12 agencies in cooperative efforts to detect and prosecute
13 incidents of fraud in student assistance programs.

14 (e) The Administrative Review Law shall apply to and govern
15 all proceedings for the judicial review of final administrative
16 decisions of the Commission.

17 (f) The Commission is authorized to make all necessary and
18 proper rules, not inconsistent with this Act, for the efficient
19 exercise of the foregoing functions.

20 (g) Unless otherwise provided by statute, the functions of
21 the Commission shall be exercised without regard to any
22 applicant's race, creed, sex, color, national origin, or
23 ancestry.

24 (h) The Commission is authorized to establish systems and
25 programs to encourage employers to match employee
26 contributions to prepaid programs of college savings by making

1 donations to the Commission for prepaid programs of college
2 savings to make higher education affordable for all residents
3 of the State and to receive, hold, and disburse all such funds
4 made available through those programs for the purposes for
5 which they are authorized by rule or by law.

6 (Source: P.A. 96-198, eff. 8-10-09.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.".